

CLAIMS**What Is Claimed Is:**

- 1 1. A method of manufacturing a computing product comprising:
2 assembling a computing product according to a specified hardware
3 configuration;
4 transmitting configuration information to the assembled computing
5 product via a wireless communication connection;
6 receiving the configuration information by the assembled
7 computing product; and
8 configuring the assembled computing product with the received
9 configuration information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is hardware
2 configuration information.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is software
2 configuration information.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information
2 further comprises:
3 wirelessly transmitting driver information for peripheral devices to
4 the assembled computing product.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information
2 further comprises:
3 wirelessly transmitting operating system configuration information
4 to the assembled computing product.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information
2 further comprises:
3 wirelessly transmitting application software configuration
4 information to the assembled computing product.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 wirelessly transmitting application software to the assembled
3 computing product.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the application software is selected by a
2 predetermined customer.
- 1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the application software configuration is
2 defined by a predetermined customer.
- 1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein the application software configuration is
2 defined by a customer's service provider.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the specified hardware configuration in the
2 assembling is a customer selected configuration.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the computing product is a battery
2 powered portable computer system.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 confirming the computing product is appropriately configured
3 subsequent to the configuring.

- 1 14. A method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer system,
2 the computer system having a wireless communication subsystem, the
3 method comprising:
4 assembling a computer system according to a selected hardware
5 configuration;
6 placing the computer system in a shipping container thus providing
7 a containerized computer system;
8 transmitting configuration information to the containerized computer
9 system;
10 receiving the configuration information by the containerized
11 computer system through the wireless communication subsystem; and
12 configuring the containerized computer system according to the
13 configuration information.
- 1 15. The method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer
2 system of claim 14 further comprising:
3 putting the containerized computer system into a standby state
4 prior to placing the computer system in the shipping container.
- 1 16. The method of manufacturing a computer system of claim 14 further
2 comprising:
3 waking up the computer from the stand by state prior to the
4 transmitting.
- 1 17. The method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer
2 system of claim 14 further comprising:
3 putting the containerized computer system into a power down state
4 subsequent to the configuring.

1 18. A method of configuring a computer system, the computer system having
2 a wireless communication subsystem, the method comprising:
3 assembling a computer system according to a predetermined
4 hardware configuration;
5 placing the computer system in a shipping container thus providing
6 a containerized computer system; and
7 completing software configuration of the containerized computer
8 system before shipping the computer system to a predetermined
9 customer by exchanging information between the wireless communication
10 subsystem and a wireless information network.

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the completing further comprises:
2 transmitting configuration information through the wireless
3 information network to the containerized computer system; and
4 receiving the configuration information by the containerized
5 computer system through the wireless communication subsystem.

1 20. The method of claim 19 further comprising:
2 configuring the containerized computer system according to the
3 received configuration information before shipping the computer system.

1 21. The method of claim 19 further comprising:
2 configuring the containerized computer system when the computer
3 system is first turned on by the customer.